Understanding entered into with the Government of India (Ministry of Defence) for the year 2003-2004, is Rs. 48.40 crore.

Hide-outs militants in neighbouring countries

1066. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps the Central Government contemplate to take in regard to the hide-outs of the militants of the North-Eastern States in the neighbouring countries.

(b) whether the Central Government have any plan to persuade the extremist groups to surrender; and

(c) the extent of success made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND) : (a) The Government has already taken up the matter with the Governments of Bangladesh, Bhuttan and Myanmar. They have assured that they will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of india.

(b) and (c) The Government has been implementing the scheme for surrender-cum-rehabilitation of North Eastern militants since 1.4.1998. The Government of India provides 100% reimbursement for expenditure incurred on rehabilitation of surrenderees. During the last 3 years (upto 30.6.2003) 1418 number of militants have surrendered in the North Eastern States.

Measures for prevention of communal riots

1067. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the communal flare-ups of severe nature are on the rise in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years with details of life and property lost in each incident;

(c) whether there is demand for codifying measures for prevention of communal riots and provision of relief and rehabilitation assistance to the victims and for making it mandatory to establish Citizens' peace Committees in every district and police station area;

(d) if so, what are the details and the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) the number of people arrested and number of cases charged against; and

(f) the present status of the cases alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The communal situation in country has generally remained peaceful in recent years barring the Gujarat incidents during 2002. The number of communal incidents and persons killed in each of the last three years is given below:

Year	Number of incidents	Number of persons killed
2000	787	243
2001	778	210
2002	722	1130

(c) to (f) The Union Government has already issued comprehensive guidelines to promote communal harmony to all the States/Union Territories which contain steps to be taken with regard to prevention of communal riots, provision for relief/rehabilitation to the victims, effective utilization of Peace Committee mechanism in defusing the communal tension and restoration of normalcy in the affected areas Police and Public Order being State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, details relating to number of people arrested, number of cases charged against, present status of the cases etc. are not maintained centrally by the Government.

Legislation to facilitate construction of Ram Temple

1068. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring in legislation to facilitate the construction of Ram Temple at Ayodhya; and